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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DORSET

COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FORSTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1860.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS
PRESENTED AT THE EPIPHANY SESSIONS.

1861.

THE County Asylum has, during the past year, continued under the able management of Mr. SYMES, and on all occasions when visited by members of the Committee, has been found in a most satisfactory state in all respects.

The Officers and Servants appear to act with kindness and attention to the patients under their charge, and no complaint of any kind has been made against them, or in regard to the food, clothes, or lodging provided for the inmates.

The present building is inadequate, as appears recorded on the minutes of the Court, to the requirements of the County, but by the appropriation of the reading-room at the end of the upper male ward and the gallery leading thereto, to the use of dormitories, additional accommodation has been provided for fifteen male patients. As soon as the necessary preparations were completed, ten males were removed back to Forston from the asylum at Fisherton. In consequence of

this addition to the numbers, the upper male ward is somewhat overcrowded, and in the event of any epidemic or infectious disease occurring, the difficulty of dealing with it would be very great; but the Committee are of opinion that it is desirable to retain as large a portion of patients as possible in the County Asylum, even with the risk, and under the disadvantages above-mentioned. Some addition has also been made to the number of the female patients, to which the same observation will in some degree apply.

The number of patients at the close of the year 1859, was :—

						Male.		Female.		Total.
In the Asylum	...	...	...	...	...	77	...	91	...	168
At Fisherton	...	...	...	...	...	28	...	40	...	68
Total						105	...	131	...	236

At the close of the year 1860 :—

						Male.		Female.		Total.
In the Asylum	...	...	...	...	...	88	...	93	...	181
At Fisherton	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	52	...	71
Total						107	...	145	...	252

Showing a total increase in the year of 16 patients—2 males and 14 females.

The general health of the patients during the past year has been good.

The number of deaths has been :—

						Male.	Female.	Total.
In the Asylum	3	6	9
At Fisherton	4	4	8
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Total	7	10	17
						<hr/>		

The number of discharges has been :—

						Male.		Female.		Total.
From the Asylum	11	...	13	...	24
From Fisherton	...	...	...	...	...	0	...	1	...	1
Total						11	...	14	...	25

The vacancy in the Chaplain's Office has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. F. J. MOULE.

The number of Trustees of the several sums of money invested in the Public Securities, and known as "Brown's Benefaction Fund," and the "Contingent Fund," having been reduced to one by death, at the suggestion of Lord PORTMAN, the survivor, four new Trustees, the Rt. Hon. Lord DIGBY, the Hon. W. H. B. PORTMAN, M.P., R. B. SHERIDAN, Esq., M.P., and H. FRAMPTON, Esq., have been appointed.

The Asylum was visited on the 5th of Oct. last by two of the Commissioners in Lunacy, who, in their Report, expressed themselves well satisfied with the careful and judicious management of the institution.

THE NEW SITE AND BUILDINGS.

At the close of 1859 negotiations had been entered upon with MICHAEL MILLER, Esq., for the purchase of about 56 acres of land at Herrison, in the parish of Charminster, as a site for a new Asylum. The contract was subsequently approved by the Commissioners in Lunacy, and by the Court, and the purchase was completed in November last;—the quantity of land being 55A. 3R. 23P., and the purchase money, including interest, £5,710 7s. 10d.

The sum of £36,000 has been borrowed of the Sun Insurance Office, at the rate of four-and-half per cent. interest, upon mortgage of the County Rates; the first instalment of £12,000 has been received and disposed of, as detailed in the Quarterly Report.

A contract was made in July last with Messrs. HABGOOD and EATON, of Wimborne, builders, for the erection of a new Asylum, for the sum of £26,000. The only works of any importance hitherto effected, besides the cartage of materials, are the excavation of the foundations for the buildings, two roads connecting the site with the upper and lower turnpike roads, leading from Dorchester to Sherborne, and the sinking of the well to the depth of 148 feet, with a depth of water in it of 39 feet; the water is reported to be of excellent quality.

About two acres of land have been planted, with a view to shelter the grounds and buildings from the North and East winds; a greater portion of the work, the trenching of the land, and the planting the trees, was done by the patients.

JOHN FLOYER,

Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Chairman and Visitors of the Dorset County Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to lay before you the usual Statistical Tables, with a short Report of the Asylum and its inmates.

On the 1st of January, 1860, there were in the asylum 168 patients, *viz.*, 77 males, and 91 females. During the year 25 males and 29 females have been admitted, 11 males and 21 females discharged, and 3 males and 6 females died. The whole number now belonging to the County, including 19 males and 52 females at Fisherton, is 252, *viz.*, 107 males and 145 females, showing an increase on the year of 15 patients. No particular reason can be assigned for this large increase.

The admissions have been of the usual character; many received with broken-down constitutions, and some sent merely to be taken care of till death removed them, requiring, in point of fact, simply care, cleanliness, and good liberal dietary.

Amongst the admissions were 10 males removed from Fisherton, and 3 females from other asylums. The majority of these patients have been insane for many years. their recovery therefore cannot be anticipated; this additional number of chronic cases render the per centage of recoveries rather less than usual.

The alteration in the male gallery No. 2, was made in November last, and by converting the reading-room and corridor approaching into dormitories, 15 additional patients were readily accommodated. Up to this time the change has worked well ; should however any epidemic disease break out, it would, beyond doubt, induce a serious mortality ; but as the asylum has ever been free from such visitations, this immunity may fairly be anticipated for the future.

In consequence of the number on the female side being in excess, 8 were sent to Fisherton, there was no possibility of accommodating them here, all the available space being made use of.

The patients throughout the year have been remarkably free from bodily ailments, and their general health and condition very good. Nine deaths have occurred, rather over 5 per cent. on the average daily resident numbers. Three of the above died from general paralysis, in which state they were received from other asylums in the year 1858, and two others wholly, or partially, in that state on admission ; the causes of death in the remaining four were—two from Epilepsy, one from Bronchitis, and one from Apoplexy.

The extreme severity of the past winter was a severe trial to many of our inmates, especially those who are past the time of vigorous manhood, and rapidly falling into old age and decrepitude. Their health and condition were very materially maintained by the constant and uniformly comfortable temperature we are enabled to keep up, by means of the numerous steam-pipes passing through the various galleries, rooms, &c. ; and I cannot help fearing that no system of open fires, however numerous, would have been so useful, and generally so appreciable in warmth and comfort.

The average weekly charge to the parishes for the past year has been 7s. 3½d., showing an increase of 5¼d. per head per week ; this is readily accounted for by the great increase in the price of provisions, &c.

The unusually wet season tended materially to spoil our potatoes—a crop of which we generally have a great abundance, our yield this season was only 20 sacks per acre, and those very small. Several times in various reports of Quarter Sessions in other Counties, have remarks been made at the low price charged for the maintenance, &c. of patients in this County, and that of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. One gentleman went so far as to say, “ He feared there must be great stinting of the patients’ comforts,” but I feel it only necessary to refer to the constant entries of our Committee, and that of the Commissioners in Lunacy, entirely to repudiate such an idea ; I trust and believe our patients are as well cared for, in all particulars, as those of any other county, and if the cost be rather less so much the better.

The temporary Chapel was opened in June last, and the average daily attendance at morning prayers is between 80 and 90, and on Sundays it is filled, about 100 being present, as many as it will conveniently accommodate. Divine Service is regularly performed every Sunday morning, at a quarter to eleven by our Chaplain, the Rev. F. J. MOULE, who was appointed in August last ; a weekly visit to the patients in their several wards is also made by him, and thus far, found to act beneficially.

The amusements, occupation, &c., remain much as usual. The constant and regular receipt of Newspapers* mentioned in

* The *Record* (thrice a week), *Dorset County Chronicle*, *Sherborne Journal*, *Poole Herald*, and *Western Flying Post*, one copy weekly—all gratuitous.

several reports, still continue, and these, with a liberal supply of periodicals, &c., keep the reading-room well stocked ; a constant source of information and amusement is thus afforded all those inclined to avail themselves of it.

The keeping in hand our new farm at Herrison has made us more than usually busy in agricultural work ; this has been cheerfully performed by the patients, and there is every reason for anticipating a fair profit from its produce. Many alterations will be found necessary, but must be deferred till the new Asylum is built. The distance for our patients to walk there and back to work, the want of suitable accommodation for them for meals, or when overtaken with wet weather, &c., is much felt, but when the site is fixed on for the farm buildings, these little discomforts may readily be avoided.

With great pleasure I have to notice the uniformly good conduct, &c., of all the attendants, nurses, and servants ; not one serious fault have I had occasion to remark during the past year, and when it is remembered how much is entrusted to them, and how greatly the patients' recovery, under their care may be accelerated or retarded by their kindness or otherwise, I cannot help expressing my earnest wish that nothing may prevent their continuing in the service of the county, some of whom have already lived here 3, 6, 7, 10, and several upwards of 14 years.

In conclusion, I beg you to accept my grateful thanks for the constant and uniform kindness and assistance ever afforded me.

I am, with sincere respect,

Your faithful and obliged servant,

J. GUSTAVUS SYMES.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

Dated October 5th, 1860.

SINCE the last Commissioners' visit, on the 29th July, 1859, the changes in the patients have been as follows:—

							Male.		Female.		Total.
Admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	32	...	46
Discharged	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	28	...	37
Of whom Recovered			...	...	...	...	7	...	21	...	28
Died	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	...	8

Of the female patients discharged not recovered, 8 were removed to Fisherton House.

With one exception the deaths were from ordinary causes; the exception was in the case of a male patient, who cut his throat with his shoemaker's knife.

The patients are now 169 in number, viz.—77 males and 92 females. One woman was secluded in a state of acute mania; the remaining patients of both sexes—all of whom we saw—were remarkably tranquil and orderly, and their personal condition as to clothing and otherwise was most satisfactory.

The patients generally appeared to be in good bodily health; the numbers registered as under medical treatment are at present five in the male, and six in the female division; two of each sex being under treatment for bodily disorders, and the remainder for their mental affection.

As respects occupation we were informed by Mr. SYMES that not more than 20 patients of both sexes, are, on an average, wholly unoccupied; the most infirm of the male patients pick flock for the beds, which are thereby kept constantly in a proper state. Amongst other useful occupations, the male patients, in doors, make rush mats, and the females plait straw.

All articles of clothing and shoes are made in the asylum.

A room has been constructed in a convenient position, and suitably fitted up, temporarily, for the purposes of a Chapel, which was much needed; the room is capable of containing comfortably 100 patients and attendants. Divine Service is performed by the Chaplain on Sundays, and he visits the Asylum and converses with the patients in the several wards on Wednesdays.

There has not been, since the last visit, any instance of the use of mechanical restraint; during that period one male and five female patients have been placed in seclusion, for reasons set forth in the *Medical Journal*, each upon one occasion.

The female patients are frequently taken out, in parties of 20 or 30, to walk in the neighbourhood.

We found the several wards and rooms, and the beds and bedding throughout clean, and in the best order.

We were much pleased by the demeanour and appearance of the attendants of both sexes, who are kind in their manner towards the patients, and the majority of whom have been for many years in the service of the institution; we are glad to learn that their remuneration has very recently been increased by an allowance of tea and sugar.

The weekly charge is at present 7s. For the Dorsetshire patients at Fisherton House, the weekly sum paid for each is 13s., of which 6s. is contributed by the county, and 7s. only charged to unions and parishes.

Since the last visit a site of about 57 acres has been purchased, 3 miles from Dorchester, and plans approved for a new asylum for 320 patients. The work has been commenced, so far as the excavations and levelling for the foundations, and it is expected the asylum will be ready for occupation at midsummer 1862. A well is in course of being sunk, to the depth of 150 feet.

The present asylum is now full on both sides, so far as respects the actual number of beds. We submit, for the consideration of the Committee, whether advantage might not be taken of the surplus day accommodation on the male side, to add to the beds in that division. With reference to this suggestion, we have specially inspected the corridors and day rooms, and intimated our views to Mr. SYMES.

We have had some conversation with Mr. SYMES respecting the internal arrangement of the proposed new asylum, and we think it well to suggest, that if any of the details are deemed susceptible of material improvement in order to the

convenient working of the institution, not involving any substantial alterations in the plans, due consideration should be given to the subject.

We have been well satisfied with our visit, and the evidences we have observed of the continued efficient management of the Asylum.

(Signed)

R. W. S. LUTWIDGE,

S. GASKELL,

Commissioners in Lunacy.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.—THE ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES,
AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1860.

					Male.	Female.	Total.
Remaining in the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1860					77	91	168
Admitted during the Year					15	29	44
					92	120	212
Removed from Fisherton House ..					10	0	0
Total under treatment					102	120	222
Discharged:							
		Male.	Fem.	Total.			
Recovered ..	..	9	13	22			
Relieved ..	..	2	0	2			
To Fisherton ..	..	0	8	8			
Died ..	..	3	6	9			
					14	27	41
In the Asylum Dec. 31st, 1860 ..					88	93	181

TABLE II.—PATIENTS AT FISHERTON HOUSE ASYLUM,
SALISBURY, BELONGING TO THIS COUNTY.

					Male.	Female.	Total.
In the House, Jan. 1st, 1860 ..					29	40	69
Admitted during the Year					5	17	22
					34	57	91
Discharged:							
		Male	Fem.	Total.			
Removed to Forston..	..	10	0	10			
„ London..	..	1	0	1			
Recovered ..	..	0	1	1			
Died ..	..	4	4	8			
					15	5	20
In the House, Dec. 31st, 1860 ..					19	52	71

TABLE III.—THE AUTHORITY OF ADMISSION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under order of Justice of the Peace..	17	19	36
Under orders of Officiating Clergyman and Relieving Officer or Overseer	8	10	18
Total	25	29	54

TABLE IV.—THE RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.

Religious Profession.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Church of England	16	27	43
Independents	3	1	4
Wesleyan	3	1	4
Baptists	2	0	2
Roman Catholics	1	0	1
	25	29	54

TABLE V.—THE EDUCATION.

Education.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Of Good Education	6	4	10
Read and Write	5	16	21
Read	9	7	16
Neither	5	2	7
	25	29	54

TABLE VI.—THE CIVIL CONDITION.

Civil Condition.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Married	12	11	23
Single	11	15	26
Widowed	2	3	5
	25	29	54

TABLE VII.—THE OCCUPATION.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
Baker	1	Wives, Daughters, or	
Cattle Dealer . .	1	Widows of—	
Carrier	1	Butler .	1
Clerk	1	Carpenter . .	2
Farmer	3	Exciseman . .	1
Gardener	1	Gamekeeper .	1
Groom	1	Labourers . .	11
Innkeeper . . .	1	Tailor . . .	2
Labourers . . .	11	Servants . . .	6
Shoemakers . . .	2	Seampstresses . .	3
Vagrant	1	Shop Keeper . .	1
None	1	None	1
Total . . .	25	Total . . .	29

TABLE VIII.—AGES ON ADMISSION AND AT FIRST ATTACK.

AGE.	On Admission.			At First Attack.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
From Birth to 5 Years.	...	...	..	1	..	1
„ 5 „ 10 „	...	..	..	..	..	..
„ 10 „ 20 „	2	2	4	1	3	4
„ 20 „ 30 „	1	9	10	3	11	14
„ 30 „ 40 „	11	4	15	8	3	11
„ 40 „ 50 „	5	6	11	6	6	12
„ 50 „ 60 „	3	3	6	2	2	4
„ 60 „ 70 „	3	5	8	4	4	8
„ 70 and upwards	...	..	..	..	..	..
Total . . .	25	29	54	25	29	54

TABLE IX.—ASSIGNED CAUSES OF MENTAL DISORDERS
OF PATIENTS.

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Apoplexy	1	..	1
Disease of Brain	2	2	4
Domestic Unhappiness .. ..	..	3	3
Excitement and Anxiety on Religion ..	..	3	3
Epilepsy	3	1	4
General Ill-health	3	4	7
Grief:—			
Death of Relatives .. ..	..	3	3
Losses in Business, &c. ..	4	1	5
Disappointed Love	1	1	2
Intemperance, &c.	6	1	7
Parturition .. .. .	..	4	4
Sunstroke .. .. .	..	1	1
Unknown	5	5	10
Total	25	29	54

TABLE X.—FORM OF DISEASE ON ADMISSION.

Disease.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Mania—Acute	3	4	7
Chronic	7	10	17
With Epilepsy	4	2	6
Puerperal .. .. .	..	3	3
Melancholia—	3	5	8
Suicidal	3	3	6
Dementia	2	1	3
With Paralysis	3	1	4
Total	25	29	54

TABLE XI.—GENERAL NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS
EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.								No.
In the House	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
„ Kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
„ Laundry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
„ Wards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Needlework	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Knitting, &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Plaiting Straw, Hat and Bonnet Making					..	..	..	4
Total								78

TABLE XII.—THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE FEMALE
PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1860.

Articles.				Made.	Repaired.	Stock in Hand, Dec. 31, 1860.
Aprons	....	....	....	155	125	192
Ditto—coarse	....	....	....	36	...	13
Bed Ticks	....	....	....	38	65	3
Blankets	....	....	....	....	29	35
Caps—day	....	....	....	189	1038	215
Dusters	....	....	....	104	....	42
Gowns	....	....	....	95	422	77
Handkerchiefs	....	....	....	216	425	97
Matrass Cases	....	....	....	65	17	8
Neckerchiefs	....	....	....	270	....	176
Pillow Cases—tick	....	....	....	51	....	21
Ditto—linen	....	....	....	104	224	11
Petticoats—stuff	....	....	....	41	145	39
Ditto—flannel	....	....	....	39	41	27
Rugs—patchwork	....	....	....	....	24	....
Shifts	....	....	....	143	712	103
Shirts	....	....	....	191	723	66
Sheets	....	....	....	104	384	14
Slop Frocks	....	....	....	66	161	56
Stays	....	....	....	53	63	68
Stockings (male)	....	....	....	101	2781	37
Ditto (female)	....	....	....	15	1699	26
Straw Hats	....	....	....	105	....	43
Ditto Bonnets	....	....	....	....	....	47
Ditto Mats	....	....	....	63	....	....
Table Cloths	....	....	....	26	75	....
Tea ditto	....	....	....	36	29	24
Towels	....	....	....	32	....	41
Vests—flannel	....	....	....	93	166	7

TABLE XIII.—GENERAL NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS
EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.						No.
On the Farm	....	....	....	....	....	30
In the House	....	....	....	....	....	1
„ Tailors' Shop	....	....	....	....	....	4
„ Shoemakers' ditto	....	....	....	....	....	4
„ Painters' ditto	....	....	....	....	....	1
„ Carpenters' ditto	....	....	....	....	....	3
„ Engineers' department	....	....	....	....	....	2
„ Wards and Airing Courts	....	....	....	....	....	20
„ „ Picking Flock, &c.	....	....	....	....	....	6
Total						71

TABLE XIV.—BOOTS AND SHOES MADE AND REPAIRED BY
MALE PATIENTS.

	MALES.				FEMALES.			
	New.		Repaired.		New.		Repaired.	
	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.
First Quarter	5	8	43	58	15	15	7	13
Second Quarter ....	..	11	31	48	15	18	6	19
Third Quarter ....	..	9	37	54	19	20	5	14
Fourth Quarter	9	16	30	54	23	7	7	18
Total	14	44	141	214	72	60	25	64

In addition to the above, *all the Male Clothing* is made and kept in repair
solely by the *Patients*.

ADDITIONAL STOCK IN HAND FROM TAILORS' SHOP, DECEMBER 31, 1860.

Jackets	...	...	...	...	91
Waistcoats	...	...	...	...	113
Trousers	...	...	...	...	150

FROM SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.

Shoes (Men)	...	...	...	...	14 pairs.
Boots	...	...	...	...	18
Shoes (Women)	...	...	...	...	62
Boots	...	...	...	...	18

TABLE XV.—DISCHARGES.

No. in Register.	Age and Civil state on Admission.	Sex.	Length of time Insane on Admission.			Duration of Residence in Asylum.			Assigned cause of Insanity.	Form of Mental Disorder.
1158	39 years — Married	Male	Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.	Not stated	Mania
1123	58 " Ditto	Male	0	3	0	0	0	20	Losses in business	Mania
1155	23 " Ditto	Female	0	8	0	0	11	19	Confinement	Mania (Puerperal)
1146	35 " Widow	Female	0	0	14	0	3	16	Loss of husband & 2 children	Melancholia
1118	24 " Single	Male	3	6	7	0	5	26	Epilepsy	Mania
1150	52 " Married	Female	0	1	14	0	3	16	Loss of child	Mania (much depressed)
1145	28 " Single	Female	0	0	7	0	5	26	Disappointed love	Mania (acute)
1151	42 " Married	Male	0	0	7	0	7	21	Intemperance, &c.	Mania (acute)
1156	45 " Ditto	Female	0	0	7	0	7	2	Domestic troubles	Melancholia
1114	38 " Ditto	Female	0	0	14	0	7	6	Disease of brain	Mania
* 1161	30 " Single,	Male	0	2	0	1	8	25	Intemperance—(fever)	Mania
1131	21 " Ditto	Male	0	3	0	0	4	24	Flits	Mania (Epileptic)
1163	37 " Married	Female	0	0	7	1	3	3	Domestic troubles	Mania (much depressed)
1174	53 " Ditto	Female	0	0	7	0	4	9	Sunstroke	Mania (acute)
1164	25 " Ditto	Female	0	1	0	0	2	7	Confinement	Mania (Puerperal)
1173	60 " Ditto	Male	0	0	7	0	4	2	Not known	Mania
1179	38 " Single	Male	0	0	14	0	2	17	Severe illness	Mania
1167	18 " Ditto	Female	0	11	0	0	1	25	Disease of brain	Dementia
982	59 " Widow	Female	0	11	21	4	3	18	Unknown	Mania
393	23 " Married	Female	1	2	0	17	4	3	Not stated	Dementia
1147	44 " Single	Female	0	1	1	1	1	28	Death of friend	Melancholia
1113	56 " Married	Male	0	0	21	2	0	24	Infidelity of wife	Mania (suicidal)
1133	45 " Ditto	Male	0	6	0	1	6	10	Loss of situation	Mania
1157	33 " Single	Male	7	0	0	0	10	27	Not known	Mania

* 1161—A Criminal Patient discharged recovered, by order of the Secretary of State. *N.B.*—Eight Females were sent to the Chronic Asylum at Salisbury.

TABLE XVI.—OBITUARY.

No. in Admission Book.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Sex.	Length of time Insane when admitted.			Duration of Residence in Asylum.			Form of Mental Disease and Bodily Condition on Admission.	Apparent Cause of Death.	
			Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.			
1109	47 Years: Single	Male	1	1	0	1	3	6	Dementia	General Paralysis	Apoplexy
1102	42 Years: Married	Fem.	1	4	0	1	6	23	Mania	Very bad—Paralysis	General Paralysis
1149	74 Years: Widow	Fem.	0	3	0	0	6	0	Dementia	Paralysis—very weak	Natural Decay
1116	33 Years: Single	Male	0	2	14	1	6	22	Mania	Phthical — thin and weak	Serous Apoplexy
1110	46 Years: Married	Fem.	3	6	0	1	11	12	Dementia	Very bad — General Paralysis	General Paralysis
1095	47 Years: Married	Fem.	1	1	0	2	3	11	Dementia	Much out of health — Paralysis	General Paralysis
963	74 Years: Widower	Male	0	0	7	4	9	11	Mania	Very thin and debilitated	Epilepsy
688	73 Years: Married	Fem.	14	0	0	11	1	13	Dementia	Good	Exhaustion after Bronchitis
649	56 Years: Single	Fem.	6	0	0	12	0	22	Melancholia	Very bad—Fits frequent	Exhaustion from Epilepsy

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES.			REMOVED TO FISHERTON ASYLUM.			DEATHS.			In the Asylum at the end of each Year.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1832	22	21	43												
1833	21	15	36												
1834	16	18	34												
1835	13	18	31												
1836	18	24	42												
1837	12	23	35	6	9	15	...	...	...	6	11	17	46	53	99
1838	10	16	26	8	10	18	...	...	...	3	4	7	45	55	100
1839	11	17	28	6	9	15	...	...	...	3	7	10	47	56	103
1840	9	16	25	3	9	12	...	...	...	3	4	7	50	59	109
1841	11	20	31	11	9	20	...	...	...	6	15	21	44	55	99
1842	21	16	37	7	7	14	...	...	...	14	7	21	44	57	101
1843	19	20	39	11	11	22	...	...	...	7	6	13	45	60	105
1844	15	29	44	7	19	26	...	...	...	4	6	10	50	64	114
1845	19	28	47	12	6	18	...	...	...	5	4	9	52	82	134
1846	27	29	56	10	6	16	...	...	...	9	17	26	62	86	148
1847	24	20	44	9	14	23	...	...	...	12	9	21	66	83	149
1848	18	30	48	15	15	30	...	8	...	5	7	12	64	83	147
1849	21	23	44	7	11	18	...	...	...	11	7	18	67	83	155
1850	23	28	51	15	15	30	...	...	...	7	6	13	68	95	163
1851	18	17	35	4	9	13	...	6	...	10	9	19	68	88	156
1852	20	17	37	8	6	14	4	9	18	0	3	7	67	87	154
1853	15	12	27	3	4	7	5	5	10	3	8	11	71	82	153
1854	22	18	40	12	8	20	...	...	5	6	9	15	70	83	153
1855	23	24	47	14	19	33	2	6	8	7	4	11	66	82	148
1856	26	38	64	18	20	38	6	6	9	4	11	15	67	83	150
1857	23	28	51	10	16	26	...	...	1	8	7	15	71	88	159
1858	20	32	52	12	18	30	1	6	10	3	7	10	72	89	161
1859	15	24	39	5	19	24	4	...	10	5	3	8	77	91	168
1860	*25	29	54	11	13	24	...	8	8	3	6	9	88	93	181

* Ten were Chronic Patients removed here from Fisherton Asylum.

TABLE XVIII.—THE AGES OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS.

YEAR.	From 20 years to 30 years.	From 30 years to 40 years.	From 40 years to 50 years.	From 50 years to 60 years.	From 60 years to 70 years.	From 70 years to 80 years.	From 80 years to 90 years.	From 90 years and upwards.	TOTAL
1851	2	3	2	5	4	1	2	..	19
1852	1	..	1	1	3	1	..	..	7
1853	..	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	7
1854	1	3	1	..	3	4	3	..	15
1855	2	3	1	1	3	1	..	..	11
1856	1	..	5	2	6	..	1	..	15
1857	..	2	3	4	2	4	..	..	15
1858	..	2	1	1	3	3	..	..	10
1859	1	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	8
1860	..	1	4	1	1	2	..	..	9
	8	17	22	18	28	16	7	..	116

Total number of Deaths as above—116, shewing a per centage of Deaths of $7\frac{1}{2}$ on the average number of Patients resident.

TABLE XIX.—THE AGES OF THOSE NOW RESIDENT.

				Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 20 years	...	...	...	1	...	1
20 and under 30 years	...	...	...	11	13	24
30 and under 40 years	...	...	...	17	13	30
40 and under 50 years	...	...	...	13	17	30
50 and under 60 years	...	...	...	23	24	47
60 and under 70 years	...	...	...	11	20	31
70 and under 80 years	...	...	...	10	6	16
80 years and upwards	...	...	...	2	...	2
Total	...	...	...	88	93	181

TABLE XX. — NUMBER OF IDIOTS CHARGEABLE TO THE DIFFERENT UNIONS OF THE COUNTY—NOT IN ANY ASYLUM ON JANUARY 1ST, 1861.

Union							No.
Axminster	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Beaminster		...		...		...	13
Blandford	...		...		...	...	8
Bridport	...	...		...		...	15
Cerne	...		...		...	...	6
Dorchester	...	...		...		...	8
Mere ...	...		...		...	...	7
Poole	...	...		...		...	4
Sherborne	...		...		...	...	4
Shaftesbury	...	...		...		...	12
Sturminster	...		...		...	..	5
Wareham	...	...		...		...	16
Weymouth	...		...		...	...	25
Wimborne	...	...		...		...	7
Total at large							147

DIETARY FOR PATIENTS.

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	BREAKFAST.				DINNER.										SUPPER.					
	Males.		Females.		Males.						Females.				Males.		Females.			
	Bread.	Milk Gruel (1).	Bread	Milk Gruel (1).	Cooked Meat without Bone.	Meat Pie (2).	Vegetables.	Suet or Rice Pudding.	Bread.	Cheese.	Beer.	Cooked Meat without Bone.	Meat Pie (2)	Vegetables.	Suet or Rice Pudding.	Beer.	Bread.	Cheese or Butter.	Butter. or Cheese	Tea or Coffee.
Sunday.....	6	2	5	1 1/2	...	...	...	16	4	2	1 1/2	...	...	...	16	4	6	2	2	1
Monday	6	2	5	1 1/2	5	...	12	...	...	...	1 1/2	5	...	12	...	...	6	2	2	1
Tuesday	6	2	5	1 1/2	5	16	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	5	...	12	...	...	6	2	2	1
Wednesday	6	2	5	1 1/2	...	12	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	...	10	12	...	...	6	2	2	1
Thursday	6	2	5	1 1/2	5	...	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	3	...	12	...	...	6	2	2	1
Friday	6	2	5	1 1/2	3	...	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	...	...	12	...	...	6	2	2	1
Saturday	6	2	5	1 1/2	...	12	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	...	10	12	...	...	6	2	2	1
Total.....	42	14	35	10 1/2	18	24	92	16	4	2	3 1/2	18	20	72	16	3 1/2	42	14	3 1/2	7

EXTRA DIET:—Lunch: Bread and cheese and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint beer is allowed for those at work, both males and females, with $\frac{1}{2}$ pint beer for men, and tea for women, every afternoon at Four o'clock. Tobacco and snuff are allowed as extras to many of the Patients.

SICK DIET:—As ordered by the Medical Superintendent.

Attendants and Nurses are all allowed 7 lbs. bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz. tea, and 8 oz. sugar—in addition, they dine in the Servants' Hall, without restriction as to quantity of meat, vegetables, &c.; and for Supper, bread and cheese *ad libitum*. MALES: 2 pints ale. FEMALES: 1 pint daily.

(1): The Milk Gruel is made with oatmeal and milk.

(2). Meat pie contains 3 ozs. of meat without bone.

PRODUCE OF FARM AND GARDEN—1860.

Milk	....	....	....	4,110 gallons
Butter	....	....	....	1,054 lbs.
Cheese	....	....	....	494 lbs.
Beef	....	....	....	312 lbs.
Pork	....	....	....	3,972 lbs.
Veal	....	....	....	603 lbs.
Mutton	....	....	....	97 lbs.
Eggs	....	....	....	227 dozen
Potatoes	....	....	....	180 bushels
Ditto (small)	....	....	....	234 ditto
Carrots	....	....	....	374 ditto
Parsnips	....	....	....	136 ditto
Swedes	....	....	....	640 ditto
Cabbage	....	....	....	320 ditto
Broad Beans	....	....	....	50 ditto
French Beans	....	....	....	40 ditto
Onions	....	....	....	26 ditto
Peas	....	....	....	22 ditto
Mangold Wurtzel	....	....	....	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons
Vetches	....	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$ -acre
Hay	....	....	....	28 tons (about)

Quantity of Land in occupation— 15 acres; and since Lady-day, 1860,
about 48 acres at Herrison.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

OF THE

Receipts and Payments

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1860.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance 31st December, 1859 ..				12	8	5
FROM INTEREST ON MONIES INVESTED:						
To One Year's Interest on £4,500, £3 per cent. Consols	135	0	0			
FROM PARISHES:						
To amount received from Parishes for Pauper Patients .. .	4,599	11	9			
From County Treasurer, ditto .. .	156	1	2			
	4,755 12 11					
Sir R. P. Glyn, Bart., Donation (2 years) .. .	10	10	0			
	4,901 2 11					
Total	£4,913	11	4			

PAYMENTS.

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES AND WAGES :											
Officers	...	...	...	...	...	366	11	11			
Attendants and Servants	...	...	...	...	...	420	11	2			
						<hr/>			787	3	1
PROVISIONS :											
20,426 lbs. Meat	...	...	...	...	...	551	13	0			
62,208 lbs. Bread	...	...	...	...	...	392	9	5			
8,508 lbs. Flour	...	...	...	...	...	64	9	0			
2,008 lbs. Rice	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	0			
4,004 lbs. Oatmeal	...	...	...	...	...	35	11	0			
8,980 lbs. Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	161	7	11			
52 lbs. Tobacco and Snuff	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	0			
119 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Lump Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	4	19	8			
896 lbs. Moist Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	18	13	4			
564 Tea, Coffee, and Chicory	...	...	...	...	...	70	3	1			
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, Spices, Currants, Raisins, Arrowroot, and miscellaneous Grocery	...	...	...	...	...	23	1	8			
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	6			
9,147 gallons Ale and Porter	...	...	...	...	...	331	3	8			
						<hr/>			1,688	12	3
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY :											
Drugs, Surgery, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	17	12	2			
Wine and Spirits	...	...	...	...	...	27	12	0			
						<hr/>			45	4	2
NECESSARIES :											
3,756 lbs. Soap and Soda	...	...	...	...	...	44	2	4			
88 lbs. Starch and Blue	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	0			
801 lbs. Candles	...	...	...	...	...	27	6	0			
238 tons 16 cwt. Coals	...	...	...	...	...	199	4	10			
Blacklead and Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	4			
						<hr/>			286	9	6
Hay, Straw, and Corn	...	...	...	...	...				140	14	7
Paint, &c.	...	...	...	...	...				3	4	3
Brooms and Cooperage	...	...	...	...	...				18	15	3
Linen and Clothing	...	...	...	...	...				204	12	4
Furniture and Bedding	...	...	...	...	...				76	2	11
Ironmongery, Tin, and Earthenware	...	...	...	...	...				47	6	11
Printing, Carriage, Postage, and Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...				63	18	6
House Furniture	...	...	...	...	...				14	11	7
Garden and Farm	...	...	...	...	...				14	8	6
Dr. Finch, for Patients at Fisherton (paid by Parishes)	...	...	...	...	...				1,464	2	2
Expenses removing Patients to their Homes	...	...	...	...	...				16	0	4
Recapturing Patients	...	...	...	...	...				3	1	9
Journey to Fisherton to see Patients	...	...	...	...	...				1	6	6
Funeral Expenses	...	...	...	...	...				10	17	6
Surgeon's Fees	...	...	...	...	...				5	12	0
						<hr/>					
Total Payments				£4,892	4	1
						<hr/>					
Total Receipts brought forward	4,913	11	4			
Total Payments	4,892	4	1			
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Balance in hand	£21	7	3			

Dr.

BILLS PAID FROM THE COUNTY RATES.

Cr.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash received from County Treasurer ... £ s. d.
1,376 10 11

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Dr. Finch — Charge for Patients over the weekly rate
Rent of Land
Taxes and Tithes
Rev. Dacre Clemetson, Half-year's Super-annuation, due 29th September
Repairs, &c.
Miscellaneous:			
Removal of Patients to and from Fisherton
Printing and Advertising
Surveyors' Bills
Law Charges

£1,376 10 11

£1,376 10 11

THE CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance 31st December, 1859	..	597	12 10
„ One Year's Dividends on £1,138 8s. 6d. £3	..	..	..
per cent. Reduced	..	33	8 10
„ Miss Grace Strong—a legacy	..	31	10 0

By Cash paid for Powers of Attorney, and Expenses Transferring Stock into Names of New Trustees	..	..	..
„ Stamped Cheques	..	..	..
„ Poles for Fencing the New Site	..	..	..
„ Mr. Mondey, Building Temporary Chapel	..	..	..
„ Samuel Dawe, Mason, for Repairing the Farm Cottage	..	..	..
„ Mr. Treves, Timber for New Bedsteads	..	..	..
„ Rev. F. A. Baker, Godmanstone School	..	..	..
„ Coal Company, Timber for New Bedsteads	..	..	..

101 16 6
20 0 0
120 13 8
33

„ Clerk's Annual Gratuity
„ Cash Lent to Farm Account

„ Balance
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242 10 2
420 1 6

£662 11 8

£662 11 8

Dr.

CHARITY

ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Savings' Bank, 31st Dec., 1859	337	16	8
„ One Year's Interest	..	10	0 2
	£347	16	10

By Cash Paid Superintendent for the Patients	15	0	0
„ Balance	..	332	16 10
	£347	16	10

FARM ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance 31st December, 1859	15 15 0	By Cash paid for Live and Dead Stock	.. 153 16 6
„ Cash received on Sale of Live and Dead Stock ..	123 16 5	„ Butter ..	.. 2 3 2
„ Dripping ..	2 16 0	„ Seeds 4 3 0
„ Old Materials ..	15 16 7	„ Spars, Rakes, and Manure 12 5 9
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	142 9 0		172 8 5
Borrowed from Contingent Account	120 13 8	Money in Hand 106 9 3

£278 17 8

£278 17 8

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Cash received of the Directors of the <i>Sun Life Insurance</i> Office—one-third of £36,000, agreed to be advanced on Mortgage of the County Rates ..	12,000	0	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash Paid Mr. George Pratt, Clerk of the Works, 16 weeks Salary, from 27th August to 17th Dec., at £3 3s. per week	50	8	0			
Mr. H. E. Kendall, jun., Architect, on Account ..	500	0	0			
Michael Miller, Esq., Purchase Money for the Land at Herrison . ..	5,710	7	10			
Paid for Trenching and Planting Trees ..	13	14	7			
Paid for Trees ..	10	0	1			
Wire Fencing ..	30	9	3			
Measuring and Mapping the Land	5	10	0			35
Solicitors to <i>Sun Life</i> Office for Mortgage ..	59	8	2			
Clerk of Peace Bill, relative to the Contract with Builders ..	50	14	1			
Ditto, as to the Purchase of the Land of Mr. Miller ..	78	18	1			
Ditto, as to the Mortgage ..	9	14	11			
	139	7	1			

Balance—viz., Exchequer Bills	5,046	17	6	6,319	5	0
In Bank ..	633	17	6			
	5,680	15	0			
	£12,000	0	0			

SUMMARY OF THE RECEIPTS

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balances in hand, 31st December, 1859, viz.:—						
In Maintenance Account 	12	8	5			
In Contingent Account 	597	12	10			
In Charity Account 	337	16	8			
In Farm Account 	15	15	0			
Dividends on £1,041 13s. 4d.—Sir R. P. Glyn's Donation	30	1	7			
				993	14	6
To Cash received Dividends on £4,500 Consols—Browne's						
Benefaction 	135	0	0			
To Cash received on £1,138 8s. 6d., £3 per Cent. reduced	33	8	10			
,, received on £1,041 13s. 4d., Consols ...	14	19	6			
,, received on Charity Account 	10	0	2			
,, received on Farm Account 	142	9	0			
Miss Grace Strong's Legacy 	31	10	0			
Received on Building Account 	12,000	0	0			
Sir R. P. Glyn's Annual Donations (2 years) ...	10	10	0			
From Parishes for Patients 	4,599	11	9			
,, Connty Treasurer, ditto 	156	1	2			
,, County Treasurer for County Bills ...	1,376	10	11			
Total Receipts 				18,510	1	4

£19,503 15 10

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR.

Cr.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash paid Salaries and Wages	...	...	787	3	1			
„ Ditto from Contingent Fund	...	...	20	0	0			
„ Provisions	...	...	1,688	12	3			
„ Wine and Spirits	...	...	27	12	0			
„ Drugs and Dispensary	...	...	17	12	2			
„ Necessaries, Fuel, Lighting, and Washing	...	...	286	9	6			
„ Hay, Straw, and Corn	...	...	140	14	7			
„ Paint, &c.	...	...	3	4	3			
„ Brooms and Cooperage	...	...	18	15	3			
„ Linen and Clothing	...	...	204	12	4			
„ Furniture and Bedding	...	...	76	2	11			
„ Ironmongery, Tin, and Earthenware	...	...	47	6	11			
„ Printing, Carriage, and Postage	...	...	63	18	6			
„ House Furniture	...	...	14	11	7			
„ Garden and Farm	...	...	14	8	6			
„ Patients at Fisherton charged to Parishes	...	...	1,464	2	2			
„ Expenses removing Patients	...	...	16	0	4			
„ Recapturing Patients	...	...	3	1	9			
„ Journey to Fisherton	...	...	1	6	6			
„ Funeral Expenses	...	...	10	17	6			
„ Surgeons' Fees	...	...	5	12	0			
						4,912	4	1
„ County Bills	...	...	215	5	4			
„ Ditto Dr. Finch	...	...	1,161	5	7			
						1,376	10	11
Paid as per Contingent Fund Account	...	...				101	16	6
„ Charity Account	...	...				15	0	0
„ Farm Account	...	...				172	8	5
„ Building Account	...	...				6,319	5	0
Balance in hand on Maintenance Account	...	...	21	7	3			
„ Contingent Fund Account	...	...	420	1	6			
„ Charity Account	...	...	332	16	10			
„ Farm Account	...	...	106	9	3			
„ Building Account	...	...	5680	15	0			
Dividends on Sir R. P. Glyn's Donation	...	...	45	1	1			
						6,606	10	11
						£19,503	15	19

AVERAGE WEEKLY COST OF MAINTENANCE, MEDICINE, CLOTHING,
AND CARE OF PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1860.

					s.	d.
Provisions	....	....	....	....	3	9½
Clothing	....	....	....	....	0	5½
Salaries and Wages	....	....	....	....	1	9½
Necessaries (<i>e.g.</i>) Fuel, Light, Washing, &c.	....			....	0	7½
Surgery and Dispensary		....		....	0	0½
Wine, Spirits, and Porter	....		....		0	1
Furniture and Bedding		....		....	0	2½
Garden and Farm	....		....		0	8½
Miscellaneous, <i>viz.</i> , Printing, Carriage, Brooms, Earthenware, &c.					0	6¾
					<hr/>	
					8	3
Less Monies received for Articles, Goods, and Produce sold (exclusive of those consumed in the Asylum)	0	5
					<hr/>	
Total average cost per head				7	10
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AVERAGE COST PER HEAD PAID BY PARISHES 7 3½

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RESIDENT—171.

JNO. BROWN,

Clerk to the Asylum and to the Visitors.

